

**May 27, 2008**

**LAWRENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
LOCAL/STATE BOARD FACILITIES HEARING REPORT**

A Local/State public hearing was held at the Louisa Middle School on May 27, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. (local time). The purpose of the public hearing was to propose a new District Facility Plan developed by the Lawrence County Schools Local Planning Committee. The Local Planning Committee (LPC) voted 10-0 in favor of the proposed new plan and the Board voted 5-0 to approve the new plan.

There were three (3) individuals in attendance. Clyde M. Tharp, LPC consultant, served as the locally-appointed hearing officer. Others present were John Thompson, Director of Facilities for Lawrence County Schools and Vicki Cartmel, parent and secretary for the LPC.

**COMMENTS**

John Thompson called the public hearing to order. The hearing officer outlined the purpose of the hearing and the hearing procedures in accordance with 702 KAR 1:001. It was explained that those persons wishing to speak would be given the opportunity and that written statements would be accepted. It was noted that all considerations will be made available to the Kentucky Board of Education via the hearing officer's report. The hearing officer read the proposed new District Facility Plan which includes: **a new Lawrence County Area Technology Center; a new elementary center, 325 student capacity plus preschool, to replace Louisa West Elementary; major renovation plus addition of auditorium at Lawrence County High School; major renovation with additions in media and administrative areas and related space at Blaine Elementary; major renovation at and additions in media, cafeteria/kitchen and administrative areas at Fallsburg Elementary; and, district-wide interactive white board initiative. It also included several discretionary projects the cost of which are not reflected in the Facility Needs Assessment Total.**

The floor was opened to those who wished to make a statement. No written information was received to be read into the record. No one wanted to speak or comment.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the new District Facility Plan developed by the Lawrence Co. Schools Local Planning Committee and adopted by the Lawrence County Board of Education be approved as the District Facility Plan for the Lawrence County School District. A copy of the new plan is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

Clyde M. Tharp, Hearing Officer

Timothy K. Lucas, KDE Staff

cc: Mark W. Ryles, Director  
Planning File

Attachments: Local/State Board Public Hearing Agenda  
Lawrence Co. School District Facility Plan